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## SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF RED MOUNTAIN ALLARD PRAISES FUNDING TO PRESERVE 3,100 ACRES OF WILDERNESS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today announced the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee has approved \$4.6 million for the purchase of 3,100 acres of wilderness near Red Mountain Pass in southwestern Colorado. A House Committee in June approved a similar amount of money for the acquisition the area by the Forest Service.

“This is a great victory for everyone who has worked so hard to preserve this area for future generations,” Allard said. “The acquisition of Red Mountain has been a top legislative priority of mine. We still have a few hurdles to clear before we can claim complete victory, but today’s action by the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee will ensure there will be enough money in this year’s budget to acquire 3,100 acres in the Red Mountain Historic District.”

The 3,100 acres, located in the heart of the Uncompahgre and San Juan national forest in southwestern Colorado, is known as the Red Mountain Historic District and is the home to century-old artifacts. The \$4.6 million will come from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a fund established by Congress that collects royalties from offshore oil and gas leases for the express purpose of purchasing and preserving open space.

Allard has worked with Colorado Third District Representative Scott McInnis and U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell to gain congressional approval for the acquisition since 1999.

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